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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/200)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to communications filed on 23 July 2010, claims 1 and 3 are amended. Claims 1 and 3 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Gibson (WO 02/05230).

As to claim 1, Gibson teaches a method comprising:

receiving, from two or more different software systems, copies of electronic data relating to a transaction involving documentation communicated in an electronic form (see Abstract and 11:19-12:23. Copies of merchant orders are sent to a transaction processing system), wherein:

the received electronic data relating to the transaction is produced by the two or more different software systems from which the electronic data is received (see Abstract and 11:19-12:23. There may be multiple merchant sites); and

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the copies of the electronic data received in a system performing the method which is not one of the systems from which the data is received and is received only for the purpose of maintaining a central archive repository of e-commerce activity documentation of e-commerce activity (see Abstract and 11:19-12:23. The transaction processing system does not itself produce merchant orders);

processing copies of the electronic data to identify electronic documentation items and at least one key value associated with an electronic documentation item received from one of the at least two different software systems, wherein the at least one key value includes a key value that identifies the transaction in the software system the electronic documentation item is received from (see Abstract and 11:19-12:23. The transaction reference number contains data uniquely identifying the merchant site and a unique order number in the merchant's system);

using the at least one key value to look up a unique transaction identifier associated with the transaction on a system performing the method, wherein the transaction includes one unique transaction identifier and two or more associated key values, wherein each key value is a key value used to identify the transaction within one of the two or more different software systems from which the electronic data relating to the transaction was received (see 11:19-13:3. The transaction processing system looks up a transaction record reference, which is "sequentially unrelated to the TRN and uniquely identifies the order within the transaction processing system." The transaction itself has one unique transaction

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identifier TRN, along with other key values used to identify the transaction in the merchant system, such as the URL, the value of the order, transaction details, name of customer and account address, a customer e-mail address, and a delivery address for the goods.);

indexing the documentation items according to the at least one key value and transaction identifier (see 11:19-13:3. The transaction is indexed in the transaction processing system);

archiving the documentation items in a data storage system or device, the archiving including storing the documentation items on the data storage system or device (see 11:19-13:3);

logging one or more of a date and time associated with at least some of the documentation items (see 5:13-23 and 12:33-13:3. The system determines how much time a user has to confirm a transaction. A time must be stored to calculate this), and

wherein all documentation items relating to a transaction are retrievable using one of the key values of the two or more different software systems from which the electronic data relating to the transaction was received (see 12:33-13:17. The transactions are retrievable using the TRN).

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As to claim 3, Gibson teaches a system comprising:

operatively couple the computer via a first interface with a first external system producing first electronic data relating to a transaction involving documentation communicated in an electronic form, wherein the first electronic

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data includes at least a first key value, the first key value identifying the transaction within the first external system, wherein the first electronic data is a copy of the first electronic data and is received for purposes of maintaining an archive of transaction data (see 11:19-12:23);

operative couple the computer via a second interface with a second external system producing second electronic data relating to the transaction, wherein the second electronic data includes at least a second key value, the second key value identifying the transaction within the second external system, wherein the second electronic data is a copy of the second electronic data and is received for purposes of maintaining an archive of transaction data (see Abstract and 11:19-12:23); and

process copies of the first and second electronic data to identify electronic documentation items and at least one key value associated with an electronic documentation item (see 11:19-12:23);

use the key value to look up a unique transaction identifier associated with the transaction (see 11:19-12:23 and 12:24-12:32);

index the documentation items according to key value and unique transaction identifier (see 11:19-12:23 and 12:24-12:32);

archive the documentation items (see 11:19-12:23); and

log one or more of a date and time associated with at least some of the documentation items (see 5:13-23 and 12:33-13:3).

Response to Arguments

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4. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES D. ADAMS whose telephone number is (571)272-3938. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, M - F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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